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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the concurrent filing of a U.S. National Stage application of PCT Application No. PCT/IL00/00132, kindly amend the application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly replace the "Related Applications" section on page 1, immediately after the title, with the following section:

~~RELATED APPLICATIONS~~

This application is a U.S. national phase filing of PCT application No. PCT/IL00/00132, filed March 5, 2000. This application claims the benefit under 119(e) of US provisional application 60/123,523, filed March 5, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly replace the present claims 3-6, 10, 14-20, 22-24, 26-29 and 35 with the following claims in clean form:

- 3.(Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said controller comprises a casing suitable for long term implantation inside the body.
- 4.(Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said electrode is adapted for long term contact with bile fluids.